

SENATE BILL 2941

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54,
Chapter 5, Part 7, relative to directional signs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 5, Part 7, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 54-5-711. The department is authorized to implement a directional signing program for cemeteries listed on the National Register of Historic Places as defined by § 11-15-102 that are managed by nonprofit organizations, as follows:

(1) Cemeteries that are located within ten (10) miles of an interchange on the federal-aid interstate system of highways may be signed on the interstate highway system. Each cemetery meeting this criterion shall be signed at only one (1) interchange and shall be signed at the closest location, except where more than two (2) cemeteries are required to be signed at the same interchange. When this condition occurs, the two (2) closest cemeteries to the interchange shall be signed, with the remaining cemetery or cemeteries being signed at the second closest interchange;

(2) Cemeteries that are not signed on the federal-aid interstate system of highways shall be signed at the road entering the state highway system nearest the cemetery;

(3) All signing shall meet federal highway administration requirements regarding the number of lines of sign legend, sign location and spacing;

(4) Payments for signs for cemeteries pursuant to this section shall be made by the organization or entity managing such cemetery prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any

unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring organization or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.